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SUBJECT: MAY 29 GENEVA GROUP MEETING: NETHERLANDS AND
AUSTRALIAN REACTIONS ON SOVIET ARREARAGES ISSUE

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1. FOLLOWING GENEVA GROUP VIEWS AT MAY 27 MEETING REPORTED REFTEL, DUTCH AND AUSTRALIAN PERMREPS COMMENTED ON AMERICAN DR RE SOVIET ARREARAGES ISSUE AT GENEVA GROUP MEETING MAY 29, 1974.

2. DUTCH PERMREP (DE GORTER) ADVISED THAT GON HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO APPEAL TO PERMDEL NOT TO INTRODUCE THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION BECAUSE, IN GON VIEW, IT WOULD RE-OPEN A POLITICAL QUARREL TO NO PRACTICAL AFFECT, BUT ONLY CREATE A DIVISIV CONFRONTATION AT THE UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

3. AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PERMREP TOLD GG THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE GOA SAME OPINION AS THAT ALREADY REACHED BY THE NETHERLANDS IN TRANSMITTING THE AMERICAN DR WITH HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

4. COMMENT: DEVELOPING CONSENSUS OF GG, AS REFLECTED
IN MOST RECENT REACTIONS ABOVE AND THOSE OF UK, CANADIAN,
BELGIAN AND JAPANESE PERMDELS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, IS
CLEARLY UNFAVORABLE TO OUR PROPOSED DR. ALL WHO HAVE
EXPRESSED THEIR GOVERNMENT'S REACTIONS HAVE STRESSED
THEIR RECOGNITION OF U.S. CONCERN TO OBTAIN EQUITY, BUT
FEEL THAT DR HAS NO CHANCE OF GAINING GENERAL CONFERENCE
APPROVAL. THEREFORE THEY FEEL DR WOULD PROVOKE AN UN-
WELCOME DISPUTE WITH THE SOVIETS, CREATING A BITTER BUT
PRACTICALLY UNPRODUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE AT THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE.
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